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I General.

Russian troops in Rumanian uniforms and distributed through Rumanian units are located in the Timisoara area to guard the Rumanian-Yugoslav frontier. The Timisoara area constitutes the frontier with Yugoslavia along two lines running respectively from Ionel to Cenad and the second line about 30 kms from the frontier and running parallel to the first as indicated in Appendix I.

II. Specific.

- A. The Checea-Teremia Mare Line.
 - There are 40,000 officers and enlisted men of which 32,000 are Russians along this line. The troops are billeted in the Jimbolia, Ionel, Otelec, Uivar, Checea, Gravat, Ceata, Lovrin, Comlosul Mic, Comlosul Mare and Teremia Mare areas which had been evacuated of civilians.
 - Russian type mines, located about two or three kms from the frontier and weighing between two and ten kgs are placed either eight, ten, eleven or twelve meters apart at a depth of 20 to 30 cms. under the soil and connected by an underground electric cable whose switch is at the Jimbolia electric works. This switch can explode all the mines simultaneously. However, if any individual mine was touched, it would explode alone, without setting off the others.
 - 3. The troops have German type guns of 3.5 to 30 cm. caliber, Tiger 34 type tanks and small American type tanks, antiaircraft guns and Russian Zis
 - 4. Exchanges of fire across the Rumanian -Yugoslav frontier take place nightly and wounded troops are evacuated from that area.
 - 5. Observation posts along the line (see Appendix) are normally manned by five men.

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III. Other Front Lines,

- A. The following villages were evacuated by civilians in order to house troops:
 - 3. San Nicolau Mare
 - 2. Beba Veche
 - 3. Sarafola
 - h. Perlam
 - 5, Sandra
 - 6. Biled
 - 7. Jebel
 - 8. Boiteni
 - 9. Denta
 - 10. Deta
 - 11. Stamora
 - 12, Omor
 - 13. Birda
 - 14. Maureni
 - 15. Gataia
 - 16. Jamul Mare
- B. Barracks were built along the entire road from Fratelia to Deta.
- C. Two underground airfields built by the Germans during the war are located at Deta and Buzias.

IV Miscellaneous,

- A. A V2 launching site is located between Muntele Mic (Hateg) and Ferdinand,
- B. At Timiscara, there is a Russian military headquarters,